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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 1964-65 DUCK STAMP CONTEST

The Department of the Interior today announced the 1964-65 Federal "duck stamp" contest and urged artists submitting designs to consider various species of waterfowl that have never appeared on such stamps. Species yet to be pictured are red-breasted or hooded merganser, white-winged, or surf scoter, oldsquaw, barrow's goldeneye, fulvous or black-bellied tree duck, and emperor and Ross' goose.

A drawing of any species of North American waterfowl, except brant, and pintail, mallard, and redhead ducks, will be acceptable, however. These four species will not be considered for this year's contest because they have all appeared on duck stamps within the last five years.

The duck stamp has become familiar to migratory waterfowl hunters and to philatelists and conservationists since the first issue in the series in 1934. A new stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of its distribution and sale. It goes on sale July 1 and expires on the following June 30.

Everyone 16 years of age or older who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have one of these stamps in addition to his State hunting license. The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act requires all receipts from the sale of the stamps, less costs of printing and distribution, to be spent for the acquisition of lands for waterfowl.

The standard rules for the contest are:

The design must be horizontal, 7 inches wide and 5 inches high, in black and white only, and on a mat no larger than 8 by 11 inches in order to facilitate display for judging;

Drawings may be pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, or other drawing technique;

No scroll work or lettering can appear on the picture itself, but the artist's signature and the name of the species depicted, plus his title for the drawing, should be added just below the picture. The artist's name and address must be printed on the back of the entry;

No picture can be accepted in a wooden frame or under glass; each picture should be mounted on a mat and protected by a covering of tissue or cellophane;

Designs showing brant, and pintail, mallard, and redhead ducks will not be considered;

Drawings must be sent to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240, and postmarked not later than midnight November 15, 1963;

An artist may submit as many drawings as he desires, but each must be accompanied by a signed copy of the regular agreement.

The agreement covering reproduction rights and a free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Duck Stamp Design Contest," are available by writing to the Office of Information of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington.

This will be the 31st stamp of the Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp series and the 15th in the series based upon open contest.

Edward J. Bierly, Route 1, Lorton, Va., submitted the winning design for the 1963-64 duck stamp contest. It was selected from among 161 drawings submitted by artists in the United States and Canada.

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